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On: FEBRUARY 1 TEXAS CATTLE ON FEED
UP 11 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 3.03 million head on February 1, up 11 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was up 4 percent from the January 1 level. Producers placed 540,000 head in commercial feedlots during January, up 27 percent from a year ago, and up 16 percent from the December 2005 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 420,000 head during January, up 6 percent from last year but down 11 percent from last month.

On February 1, there were 2.52 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 83 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up 11 percent from last year, and up 4 percent from the January total.

January placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 461,000 head, up 24 percent from the December total. Marketings were down 13 percent from last month to 345,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 12.1 million head on February 1, 2006. This inventory was 7 percent above February 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.20 million head, 16 percent above January 2005. January placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 530,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 447,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 702,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 520,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.81 million head, 2 percent above 2005.

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Cattle and Calves: Placements, Marketings, Other Disappearance and Inventory in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots										
State	Cattle and Calves									
	On feed January 1		Placed on feed during January		Marketed during January		Other disappearance during January		On feed February 1	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Arizona	331	334	*30	39	*31	26	*2	1	*328	346
California	535	550	59	71	63	62	6	9	525	550
Colorado	1,080	1,080	175	225	185	185	10	10	1,060	1,110
Idaho	295	275	37	46	61	51	1	5	270	265
Iowa	450	510	77	81	60	69	2	2	465	520
Kansas	2,410	2,500	475	570	450	465	15	25	2,420	2,580
Nebraska	2,300	2,430	425	425	360	355	15	10	2,350	2,490
New Mexico	126	143	18	18	13	13	2	2	129	146
Oklahoma	350	370	55	65	52	57	3	3	350	375
South Dakota	192	205	41	38	26	32	2	1	205	210
TEXAS	2,700	2,920	425	540	395	420	10	10	2,720	3,030
Washington	190	152	30	33	29	31	1	1	190	153
Other States	340	335	41	48	47	44	4	4	330	335
United States	11,299	11,804	*1,888	2,199	*1,772	1,810	*73	83	*11,342	12,110

* Revised.

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots										
State	During January									
	Less than 600 pounds		600-699 pounds		700-799 pounds		800 pounds or more		Total	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 head</i>									
Colorado	25	35	45	45	70	85	35	60	175	225
Kansas	65	95	135	125	170	220	105	130	475	570
Nebraska	50	50	93	80	153	150	129	145	425	425
TEXAS	120	210	110	115	145	150	50	65	425	540
Other States	120	140	75	82	*93	97	100	120	*388	439
United States	380	530	458	447	*631	702	419	520	*1,888	2,199

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, February 1, 2004-2006										
Item	Number			2006 as Percent of						
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005					
	<i>1,000 head</i>					<i>Percent</i>				
On feed January 1 ^{1/}	11,253	11,299	11,804	105	104					
Placed on feed during January ^{1/}	1,754	*1,888	2,199	125	116					
Fed cattle marketed during January ^{1/}	1,775	*1,772	1,810	102	102					
Other disappearance during January ^{1/2/}	94	*73	83	88	114					
On feed February 1 ^{2/}	11,138	*11,342	12,110	109	107					

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. * Revised.

Texas Cattle and Calves on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots								
Cattle and calves	District 1-N	District 1-S	District 2-N	District 7	District 8-N	District 10-N	Other districts	State total
	<i>1,000 head</i>							
On feed January 1 ^{1/}	2,415	195	92	22	39	71	86	2,920
Placed on feed during January	461	31	12	3	6	12	15	540
Marketed during January	345	28	11	5	6	11	14	420
Other disappearance during January ^{2/}	8	0	0	0	0	1	1	10
On feed February 1 ^{1/}	2,523	198	93	20	39	71	86	3,030

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